Lehighton Area School District
Curriculum Framework

Course Title:	Songwriting
Content Area:	Music
Grade Level(s):	9th-12th
Course Overview:	The intent of this course is to provide a worthwhile musical experience for students, regardless of individu Examine different styles of songwriting through the use of technology. Analyze and evaluate various music artists and their songwriting styles. Create original songs over time through project-based assignments.
PA Core Standards:	9.1.8 A,B,C,D 9..2.8 A,B,C,D,E,F,J,K 9.4.8 B,C,D
Key Course Text and Materials:	Worksheets Soundtrap Education Subscription Noteflight Learn Subscription Journals Tutorial videos and examples from Youtube Canva Presentations Recording Equipment
Key Assessments/Projects:	Student demonstration Graded work assignments Unit projects

Big Idea/Unit: Form & Chord Progressions
Pacing: 2-3 Weeks

Standards	Objective/Skill	Vocabulary	Additional Resources	Assessment/Project
		Form		
		Verse		
		Chorus		
		Bridge		
		Pre-Chorus		
		Intro	Worksheets	
	What is musical form?	Outro	Soundtrap Education Subscription	
	Why is form important to song structure?	Tag	Noteflight Learn Subscription	
	What are chords and how do specific progressions create the basics of songwriting?	Chords	Journals	
		Progressions	Tutorial videos and examples from Youtube	Student demonstration
	What is the relationship between Roman numerals to chord progressions?	Roman Numerals	Canva Presentations	Graded work assignments
9.1.8 A,B,C,D	What are key signatures and why are they important to song structure?	Key Signatures	Recording Equipment	Unit projects

Big Idea/Unit: Lyrical Story Telling
Pacing: 2-3 Weeks

Standards	Objective/Skill	Vocabulary	Additional Resources	Assessment/Project
	What are lyrics and why are they essential to songwriting?	Lyrics	Worksheets	
	How can storytelling help create enhance lyrical composition?	Story Telling	Soundtrap Education Subscription	
	What is the theme of a song?	Theme	Noteflight Learn Subscription	
	What is the subject of a song?	Subject	Journals	Student demonstration
9.1.8 A,B,C,D	What is a hook and how does it relate to the title and theme of a song?	Hook	Tutorial videos and examples from Youtube	Graded work assignments
9..2.8 A,B,C,D,E,	What is a tag and how can it be used to add textural meaning to a song?	Tag	Canva Presentations	Unit projects
9.4.8 B,C,D	What is the importance of a rhyme scheme when creating lyrics?	Rhyme Scheme	Recording Equipment	

Big Idea/Unit: Melody
Pacing: 2-3 Weeks

Standards	Objective/Skill	Vocabulary	Additional Resources	Assessment/Project
		Melody	Worksheets	
		Scale	Soundtrap Education Subscription	
	What is melody?	Steps	Noteflight Learn Subscription	
	What is the importance of melody in songwriting?	Leaps	Journals	Student demonstration
9.1.8 A,B,C,D	How do we pair lyrics with appropriate melodic lines?	Loops	Tutorial videos and examples from Youtube	Graded work assignments
9..2.8 A,B,C,D,E,	How can we use the loop library in soundtrap to develop a cohesive melody?	Improvisation	Canva Presentations	Unit projects
9.4.8 B,C,D	How can improvisation help with the creation of a melodic line?		Recording Equipment	

Big Idea/Unit: Rhythm
Pacing: 2-3 Weeks

Standards	Objective/Skill	Vocabulary	Additional Resources	Assessment/Project
	What is rhythm and how can it be used to create a song?		Worksheets	
	How can we use drum pattern maker to create a unique rhythmic beat on soudntrap?	Drum Pattern Maker	Soundtrap Education Subscription Noteflight Learn Subscription	
	How can drum machine be utilized to create unique beats that fit the music of a song?	Drum Machine	Journals	Student demonstration
		Hip Hop	Tutorial videos and examples from Youtube	Graded work assignments
9.1.8 A,B,C,D	What is the importance of lyrical rhythm and how can we ensure our lyrics	Rap	Canva Presentations	Unit projects
9..2.8 A,B,C,D,E,	rhythmically fit within the contexts of a created beat?	Rhythm	Recording Equipment	

Big Idea/Unit: Song Writing Sessions & Peer Collaboration
Pacing: Continuous

Standards	Objective/Skill	Vocabulary	Additional Resources	Assessment/Project
			Worksheets Soundtrap Education Subscription Noteflight Learn Subscription	
	How can we collaborate with other artists on soundtrap?		Journals	Student demonstration
	How can group collaboration enhance the final production of a song?	Collaboration	Tutorial videos and examples from Youtube	Graded work assignments
9.1.8 A,B,C,D	How does continual practice help improve our songwriting skills?	Guest Artists	Canva Presentations	Unit projects
9..2.8 A,B,C,D,E,	What is the importance of self reflection when creating or performing music?	Self Reflection	Recording Equipment	